

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for allowing an application to retrieve data from participating applications sharing an information bus, comprising the steps of:
 - a. connecting the application to the information bus as an event consumer;
 - b. identifying data within the application that is needed;
 - c. notifying the information bus of the data needed from other participating applications;
 - d. receiving notice of the data needed is available by data name from another participating application;
 - e. requesting the data by name via the information bus;
 - f. generating an event listener for monitoring announcements and notifications from other participating applications on the information bus; [[and]]
 - g. announcing to the participating application from which the data was originally obtained that the data has a changed value; and
 - h. providing descriptive and identifying information about the data.
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Previously amended). The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - h. changing the requested data after receipt.
4. (Previously amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein step d further comprises specifying the data name by way of a property.

5. (Previously amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein step d further comprises specifying the data name by way of a parameter.
6. (Previously amended) The method according to claim 1 further comprising:
 - h. providing a view associated with the data needed.
7. (Previously amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the data is a Java Object.
8. (Cancelled).
9. (Cancelled).
10. (Cancelled).
11. (Previously amended) Apparatus for retrieving data across an information bus for use with an application, the data being retrieved from other application sharing the information bus, the apparatus comprising:
 - data notification logic to notify the information bus of the need for a desired data element;
 - data element retrieval logic to retrieve a requested data element from the information bus;
 - event listening logic for monitoring announcements and notifications from other participating applications over the information bus;
 - data element managing logic configured to change the data within a data element; and
 - the data notification logic is configured to announce across the information bus to the participating application from which the data element originated that the data has a changed value.

12. (Previously amended) The apparatus according to claim 11 wherein the data element provides a view associated with the data item.

13. (Previously amended) The apparatus according to claim 11 wherein the data element is a Java Object.

14. (Currently amended) A computer program product for use within a computer system to provide an application with data retrieval capabilities from participating applications sharing an information bus, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied on the medium for enabling data to be accessed across the computer system, the medium further comprising:

- program code to connect the application to the information bus as an event consumer;

- program code to identify data within the application that is needed;

- program code to notify the information bus of the data needed from other participating applications;

- program code to receive notice of the data needed and available by data name from other participating applications;

- program code to request the data by name via the information bus;

- program code for providing descriptive and identifying information about the data;

- program code to generate an event listener for monitoring announcements and notifications from other participating applications on the information bus; and

- program code for announcing the participating application from which the data was originally obtained that the data has a changed value.

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Previously amended). The computer program product of claim 14 further comprising:
program code to change the requested data after receipt.
17. (Previously amended) The computer program product of claim 14 further comprising program code to specify the data name using a property.
18. (Previously amended) The computer program product of claim 14 further comprising program code to specify the data name using a parameter.
19. (Previously amended) The computer program product of claim 14 further comprising program code to provide a view associated with the data.
20. (Previously amended) The computer program product of claim 14 wherein the data is a Java Object.
21. (Cancelled).